



PATENT

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In re application of: Lathan et al.

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FOR: **Apparatus and Wireless
Communication System**

Group Art Unit: 3661

Examiner: McDieunel, M.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR. § 1.56 in connection with the above-identified application, which statement is being filed:

- ☒ Together with the present application (RCE).
- ☐ Before the first Office Action on the merits or three (3) months from the filing date of this application, whichever occurs last. [37 CFR § 1.97 (b)]
- ☐ After the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action under § 1.113 or Notice of Allowance under § 1.311, whichever occurs first. [37 CFR § 1.97 (c)]
- ☐ After a Final Office Action under § 1.113 or Notice of Allowance under § 1.311, but prior to or with payment of the Issue Fee. [37 CFR § 1.97 (d)]

Consistent with Applicant's obligations pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the following requirements have been met:

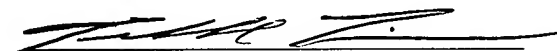
- ☒ No separate requirements are needed
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

Provision of Copies of References

- ☒ Copies of all cited references are enclosed.
- ☐ A copy of the ABSTRACT of each of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith and forms a part hereof.
- ☐ A partial translation of Reference _____ is enclosed herewith and forms a part hereof.
- ☐ A copy of the European Search Report from a corresponding or related EPO application is enclosed herewith.
- ☐ A copy of the International Search Report from a corresponding or related PCT application is enclosed herewith.
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. _____. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is attached.

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This Information disclosure Statement is submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b).

Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO 1449-Information Disclosure Citation together with copies of patents, publications, or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe(s) may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclosure in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

The following patent document is known by the Application and has been determined to be relevant to the pending patent application (copy enclosed):

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,511,442

The '442 patent relates to an evaluation and training systems using EMG sensors. As shown in the patent, the system includes feedback means to manipulate the environment outside of the immediate surroundings of the user. However, the '442 patent does not provide a dynamic feedback control system, as claimed by Applicants. A comparison of the '442 patent with Applicant's invention illustrates new, useful and non-obvious features. Applicants have created a robotic apparatus and an associated method for controlling the robotic apparatus that includes a dynamic feedback control system without the use of EMG sensors.

The relevance of the attached reference is that this is the closest art of which Applicants are aware. Applicants submit that the above reference taken alone or in combination other prior art references of record neither anticipates nor renders obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

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